

Procurement List suitable products and services that government agencies must then procure from a qualified nonprofit agency (NPA). Federal agencies do not have to follow the normal government competitive procedures when acquiring Procurement List items from an authorized NPA, making it more efficient for both the Federal agencies and the qualified NPA.²

For an NPA to be eligible to provide goods or services on the Procurement List, it must be authorized by the Commission as qualified to serve as an authorized source in the program.

II. The Direct Labor Hour Ratio Mandate

To serve as an authorized source, an NPA must, at a minimum, satisfy the statutory conditions described at 42 U.S.C. 8501, paragraphs 6 and 7. Of note, part (C) of both paragraphs require that 75 percent of the direct labor hours required to produce or provide products or services must be performed by individuals who are blind or significantly disabled.

In calculating the 75 percent direct labor hour ratio, an NPA is required to count not only the DLH performed in support of Procurement List items, but pursuant to the statute, all direct labor performed by every individual employed by the NPA.³ The statute defined direct labor as all work required to prepare, process, and pack a product, or work that directly relates to the performance of the service. The statute specifically excludes supervision, administration, inspection, or shipping as direct labor.

This means that when calculating the 75 percent direct labor hour ratio, an NPA excludes “indirect labor” hours—*i.e.*, “Work that supports the manufacturing process or delivery of services but does not directly produce or add value to the products or services sold to a customer. This includes supervision, administration, inspection, and shipping.”⁴ Historically, these exclusions were perceived as helpful because they reduce the number of hours an NPA must count toward the 75% direct labor hour ratio. However, when an employee who is blind or has a significant disability moves from a direct labor hour position to an indirect labor hour position, the NPA cannot count that employee’s indirect labor hours toward the 75 percent direct labor

hour ratio—a situation that potentially creates a disincentive for the NPA to promote that employee to a supervisory or administrative position.

The Commission believes that many “indirect labor” task or positions could serve as an opportunity to promote employee career advancement. However, there is little incentive for an NPA to create a framework that actively encourages direct labor hour employees to move to indirect labor hour positions if doing so compromises the NPA’s ability to remain in the Program by impeding its ability to meet the Program’s direct labor hour ratio requirement.

III. Request for Information

As noted above, section 8501, paragraphs 6 and 7 of the JWOD Act list the qualifications for an NPA to serve as an authorized source for a product or service on the Procurement List. The Commission’s interpretation of the statutory language is promulgated in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at Title 41, Chapter 51. More specifically, the CFR adopts the JWOD Act’s 75 percent direct labor hour ratio requirement and adds a list of additional qualifications under Part 51–4. In the CFR at Part 51–1.3, the Commission does not elaborate on the statutory direct labor hour ratio requirement or the definition of direct labor.

Commission policies are generally derived from Commission regulations grounded in statute. As such, the authority to deviate from the 75 percent direct labor hour ratio requirement, or to redefine what counts as direct labor, is expressly limited by statute. Notwithstanding these limitations, the Commission is exploring ways to leverage its regulatory and sub-regulatory authority to encourage employment opportunities that promote career mobility without conflicting with the JWOD Act. This RFI is designed to collect information for that purpose, through the questions below.

IV. Questions

(1) How could direct labor be defined to expand the types of tasks or positions that can be counted as direct labor without conflicting with the definition in the JWOD Act? The purpose of this change would include increasing the number of direct labor hours that an NPA could count toward meeting the direct labor hour ratio requirement.

(2) In what ways could indirect labor categories (*e.g.*, supervision, administration, inspection, or shipping) be defined to maximize employee career development without adversely

impacting the ratio requirement, and without a statutory change?

(3) What types of jobs or tasks traditionally categorized as “indirect labor” in accordance with the JWOD Act fall outside of “supervision, administration, inspection, or shipping”?

(4) With respect to meeting the direct labor hour ratio requirement, describe any challenges or successes associated with facilitating or supporting AbilityOne employees’ mobility into jobs outside the Program; particularly, whether such mobility causes challenges with ratio compliance, and if applicable, the steps taken to mitigate such challenges.

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Director, Business Operations.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, September 25, 2024—10 a.m.

PLACE: Meeting will be held remotely and in person at 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland, Room 420.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Closed to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Meeting Matter: Briefing Matter.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Alberta E. Mills, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, 301–504–7479 (Office) or 240–863–8938 (Cell).

Dated: September 18, 2024.

Alberta Mills,

Commission Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23–28]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

² Federal Acquisition Regulation 8.7, Acquisition From Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

³ 41 U.S.C. 8501(6)(C) and (7)(C).

⁴ U.S. AbilityOne Commission Policy 51.404, Direct Labor Hour Ratio Requirements, effective October 1, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Pamela Young at (703) 953-6092, pamela.a.young14.civ@mail.mil, or dsca.ncr.rsrcmgmt.list.cns-mbx@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is

published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-28 and Policy Justification.

Dated: September 18, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

2800 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2800

May 2, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 23-28, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Latvia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$110 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

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Transmittal No. 23-28

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Government of Latvia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 0 million
Other	\$ 110 million

TOTAL \$ 110 million

Funding Source: National Funds and Foreign Military Financing

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None
Non-MDE:

Included is a Naval Strike Missile Coastal Defense System (NSM CDS), including tactical, telemetered, and training missiles; containers; mobile operational platforms; integration equipment; ordnance handling equipment (OHE); training equipment and aids; technical publications and data; training; spares; U.S. Government and

contractor technical and product support or assistance; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy (LG-P-SAB)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* None
(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* None

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* May 2, 2023

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Latvia—Naval Strike Missile Coastal Defense System

The Government of Latvia has requested to buy a Naval Strike Missile Coastal Defense System (NSM CDS), including tactical, telemetered, and training missiles; containers; mobile operational platforms; integration equipment; ordnance handling equipment (OHE); training equipment and aids; technical publications and data; training; spares; U.S. Government and contractor technical and product support or assistance; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$110 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Latvia's capability to meet current and future threats in the Baltic Sea maritime domain. Latvia's increased coastal defense capability and interoperability with U.S. and NATO armed forces will contribute to both U.S. and Latvian defense and security objectives in the Baltics. Latvia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor is to be determined. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Latvia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2024–OS–0081]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition University (DAU), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reginald Lucas, (571) 372–7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Data Services Management; OMB Control Number 0704–0591.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 2,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2,500.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 208.

Needs and Uses: The Data Services Management provides administrative and academic capabilities and functions related to student registrations, account requests, courses attempted and completed, and graduation notifications to DoD training systems.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Lucas at whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

Dated: September 17, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2024–HA–0037]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD(HA)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: TRICARE Select Enrollment, Disenrollment, and Change Form; DD Form 3043; OMB Control Number 0720–0061.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 116,105.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 116,105.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 29,026.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain each non-active-duty TRICARE beneficiary's personal information